

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of March 28, 2007 has been received and carefully considered. In conformance with the applicable statutory requirements, this paper constitutes a complete reply and/or a bona fide attempt to advance the application to allowance. Specifically, claim 6 has been amended. Reexamination and/or reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

Summary of the Decision

The Examiner's previous rejection of claims 1-5 and 14-20 was not sustained by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

The Examiner's previous rejection of claims 6-13 was sustained by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. However, since the reasons for sustaining the rejection as to claims 6-13 was materially different from those set forth in the Examiner's Answer, claims 6-13 are considered as being rejected under a new ground of rejection pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(b).

The Claims Distinguish Patentably Over the Reference(s) of Record

The Examiner's earlier rejection of claims 1-5 was not sustained by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Accordingly, with no outstanding rejection remaining with respect to claims 1-5, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 has been amended such that the first drive roller groove is now recited as being defined by a pair of intersecting walls. Similarly, the second drive roller groove of claim 6 is now recited as being defined by a pair of intersecting walls. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences specified that neither Gilliland, nor the purported Applicant admitted prior art, describes a groove on a drive roller that is formed by intersecting walls. *See Decision at page 5.* Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 6 and claims 7-13 dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's rejection of claims 14-20 was not sustained by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Accordingly, with no outstanding rejection remaining with respect to claims 14-20, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in condition for allowance.


Conclusion

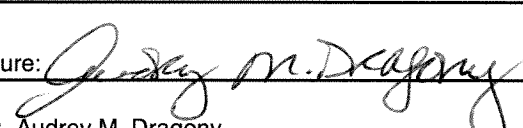
All formal and informal matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Alternatively, if the Examiner is of the view that the application is not in clear condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned for purposes of conducting a telephone interview to resolve any outstanding differences. In any case, an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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